

Dear Sirs,

Regarding the issue of Broadband over Powerline (BPL) as a means to distribute Internet traffic:

I am a private citizen, a businessman, an Internet user, and an Amateur Radio Service operator. I find my Verizon DSL capabilities to be extremely useful to me in my work and also in my ham radio hobby. I have been a ham since 1977.

However, I am concerned that this technology will do significant damage to my ability to operate my Amateur Radio station on hf frequencies. My RF environment is already so noisy that weak-signal work is impossible at my location. The proliferation of consumer electronics devices, unshielded/unadequately shielded PC switching powersupplies, and a lax attitude by their manufacturers toward the spirit and letter of Part 15 make hf operations difficult.

I urge the Commission to take such steps as a necessary to prevent wholesale disruption of the hf spectrum by BPL. While I cannot offer my technical opinion--I'm an MBA not an engineer!--I do know that the very essence of our spectrum policy is to balance the needs of profit-making enterprise against the Nation's larger need for communications capability that is essential, if not profitable.